

**Question on Notice
No. 575
Asked on Tuesday 17 April 2007**

Mr WELLINGTON asked the Minister for Police and Corrective Services (MS SPENCE) -

QUESTION:

With reference to the Kenilworth Police Station–

Will the Police Service undertake a review of the duties currently required of the police officer at Kenilworth and provide additional resources to support the Kenilworth Police officer?

ANSWER:

All police regions, districts and divisions are regularly reviewed to ensure policing resources meet the needs of the local community.

I am advised The Assistant Commissioner, North Coast Police Region considers that the current level of police resources in the Kenilworth Police Division is appropriate and adequate to deliver the high level of service that the public expects and deserves

The Assistant Commissioner also gives an assurance that the resourcing of Kenilworth Police Division will continue to be monitored and revised as part of annual planning processes to ensure a high level of service is maintained.

The QPS has developed and maintains a Staffing Allocation Model, which is used for determining the allocations of officers across police regions, districts and divisions. The Model is continually revised and updated on the basis of assessments of the relative workloads and police staffing needs of all areas as identified through population, crime and traffic statistics and various other factors common to all regions.

Additionally, officers from the Sunshine Coast Police District: Traffic Branch; Tactical Crime Squad; Criminal Investigation Branch; Child Protection and Investigation Unit; Dog Squad; and Scenes of Crime Office actively support policing in the Kenilworth Police Division.

The police residence and garage at Kenilworth Police Station are currently being refurbished as part of the Beattie Government's \$260 million commitment to boost law and order and provide additional resources to Queensland's police. The refurbishment works will soon be completed and the officer posted to Kenilworth Police Station will then move into the residence.

Since this Government was elected in 1998 we have increased numbers by approximately 300 each year and have succeeded in raising Queensland's police to population ratio to better than the national average. This Government will continue to maintain police numbers at or above the national average of the police to population ratio. The 2006-07 State Budget provides for an extra 350 front-line, first response general duties police officers.

As a result of this commitment to boosting police numbers, the number of police officers in the Queensland Police Service will increase to 9728 officers by September 2007- an increase of 3000 police officers since this Government came to office.